

The Work an Inspiration

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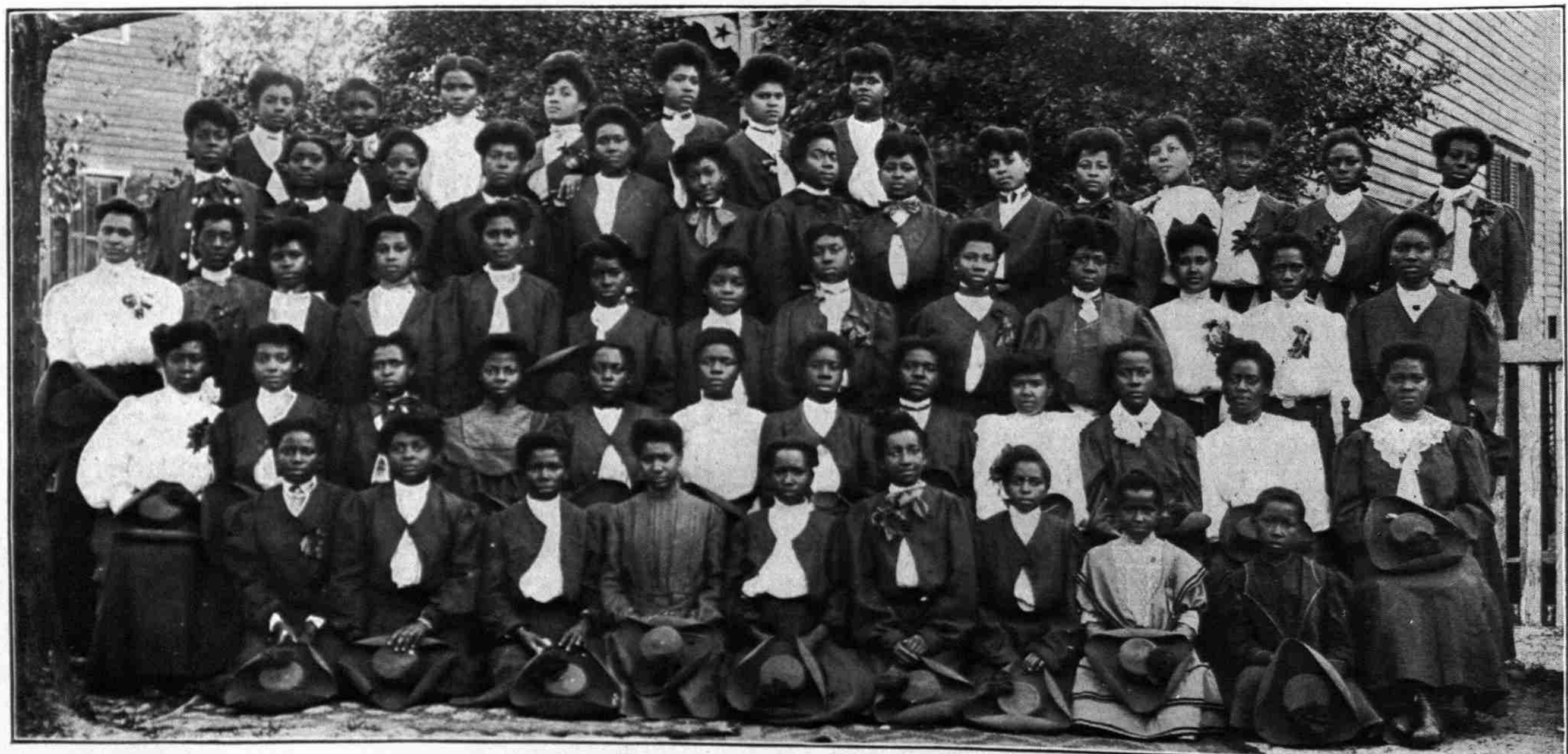
WE believe it is an inspiration for us all to hear what has been said, and the fact that we are together and are discussing this subject will be of lasting benefit to the race of which I am a part. I am profoundly impressed with what seems to be the keynote of the addresses to-day: the coming together of the North and South, and the coöperation of the southern men with the black man in his effort to better his condition.

I feel that perhaps the white man has not done all that he could do in the time past for the uplift

of these people. The white man has not done all he could to give an education that would help the black man of the South. I am delighted that this Conference has made it possible for our brethren of the Southland to come into closer contact with the work that is being done in the Southland, so that they may no longer suspect the kind of education we are receiving, and they will realize it is possible for them to help directly in the way they can respect and understand the black man in the South as a race.

Amazed at the Work for the Black Man

We will be more than glad to welcome whatever effort you make to help your brother in the South. I have been amazed at the grand work being done by our brethren in the Southland for the black man. I am here to get a good report to give them when I go back to Florida. It will have a wonderful influence upon the people. For the past eight years we have been engaged in the work of teaching the Bible. And we have no difficulty in doing good work. Last year one hundred and twenty-five students professed Christ.



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